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Davin pondered, "I think there are three reasons. Firstly, I heard that she holds a grudge against our family, and she wants revenge! Secondly, she thinks that this is a golden opportunity since your daddy is not around. Thirdly, she surely is capable and has done all the preparation. Otherwise, she wouldn't have done this for nothing!"

"Seems like you're not that dull-witted after all!"

"Of course. If your daddy is not around, I would be the smartest one and also the head of the Seet family."

Kyle stared at him coldly, "Well, in that case, the Seet Group would definitely be led into the lion's den. Before we know it, the family and everything else would be utterly destroyed."

" ...

Davin raised an eyebrow. You're still so young Kyle, how can you say such a thing?

"Kai, I know you have a sharp tongue and I don't have time to argue with you. If you don't ask your Daddy to come back, then you'll be held accountable for saving Grandma, Nina and Maya. In addition, you will also be responsible for Monica holding Seet Group hostage. Any problems with that?" Before Kyle could answer, Davin further exclaimed, "Don't tell me you are all words and no action. Are you just all talk?"

Kyle looked seemingly confident, "I will show you my true abilities."

"Alright then, we shall wait and see. I will be watching you. If you can resolve this crisis, I will gift you with a limited edition super sports!"

"Who cares about that!"

Having said that, Kyle turned around and left the president's office.

Staring as he left, Davin became unsettled. He wasn't sure if Kyle was really capable. If he were just good at talking and wasn't able to solve the matter on hand, Seet Group could really be in grave danger then.

Ah... Kyle, even though both of us don't see eye to eye and we're always arguing, I really wish you could help save the Seet family during this difficult time.

If we could survive the storm and end up alright, I will definitely praise you by giving you a big fat thumbs up after that!

Kyle left Seet Group and went to meet Jonathan at the Seet Residence.

If Monica was resentful towards the Seet family and wanted to seek revenge, he really needed to know what had actually happened in the past.

Jonathan was surprised to see Kyle.

"Kai? When did you come back?"

Kyle looked at his wristwatch and answered accordingly, "Grandpa, it takes less than three hours for me to return to Y City."

Jonathan looked worried. Seet family is facing a crisis right now and Kyle came back during this time. Could it be that he's also dragged into this mess?

"Kai, when do you return to school?"

"Grandpa, I've completed the secret base challenge. I took a leave of absence two years in advance and have already graduated. I don't need to go back!"

"I see," Jonathan replied solemnly. Kyle then proceeded frankly, "Grandpa, I want to know the grudge between Monica and the Seets. Please tell me everything!"

"You knew about Monica?"

"Yes, Grandpa, my Daddy and Mommy are on a holiday and they'll only return after a few months. I will settle this matter in regards to Monica!"

Evan's not coming back?

Jonathan started thinking suddenly as he turned around and looked at Kyle. He's not even sixteen yet, will he be able to handle a huge problem like this?

"Grandpa, please have faith in me!"

Jonathan hesitated. Well then, Kyle was indeed his grandson. It wouldn't differ much if he were to tell either him or Evan.

"Take a seat. This is quite a complicated matter and it might take some time to explain."

Kyle nodded and he sat down. He stared at Jonathan eagerly while waiting for him to reveal everything that had happened in the past.

Jonathan sat across him. He picked up his cup of tea and took a sip. Either he was lubricating his voice or it was to calm his emotions down. After a while, he finally let out.

"The story's like this. During that time, your Great-grandpa was in charge of the Seet Group. Day in, day out, he was stressed at work and it took a toll on his health. He was then hospitalized. Meanwhile, I was temporarily in charge of the Seet Group."

"The Seet Group back then wasn't as big compared to where we are now. When the business was just about to expand exponentially, luck wasn't on our side. The company that was under my management faced some problems suddenly..."

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The floodgates opened and memories came pouring in.

Jonathan opened up and talked about the past that he had buried for many years. When it came to the essential part of the story, he held back instantaneously. His throat choked a little.

"Grandpa, what happened to the company then?" Kyle asked eagerly.

Jonathan took another sip of tea. Both his hands gripped onto the cup and continued, "Seet Group received a big business deal from the Marston Group back then. Both companies rushed to produce a batch of valuable products together. However, Seet Group miscalculated two important data and there was a huge problem with the final product. Everything had gone to waste. Therefore, Seet Group was responsible for quite a huge loss.

If we were to pay off everything based on our financial ability back then, bankruptcy might have been the next thing for us."

"And then?" Kyle asked.

At that moment, his eyes deepened as if he had figured out something from within.

Jonathan sighed. "Kyle, do you know why your Great-grandpa did not hand over the Seet Group to me, but to your Dad instead?"

"Something to do with this matter?" Kyle postulated.

Jonathan's face darkened and followed with a deep sigh. "That is correct. I had disappointed him too much because of this matter!"

"After delivering the goods with Sam that time, I directed all the faults to him in order to minimize Seet Group's losses. I organized a drinking session and had Sam drunk on purpose. I swapped the two agreements and had him responsible for the batch of problematic goods! He was drunk and was kept in the dark. He thought he had received a profitable contract. After sobering up the next day, he came to realization that I had betrayed him when he found out that Marston Group was liable for a loss!"

"So, Marston Group compensated for the loss and they closed down because of that?"

"Our company was the one that produced the defective goods. Unwilling to be a scapegoat, Sam tried his best to defend himself. I was constantly living in fear and guilt, therefore, I bribed two witnesses to prove he was at fault. Then, he was forced to compensate for the losses and Marston Group went bankrupt. That incident was a great blow to him as he felt that the world's unpredictable and was filled with evil people. As a result, he suffered from depression and committed suicide by jumping off a building not long after!"

Kyle sank in silence. Who would've thought Grandpa had done such a thing in the past?

All these years, Grandpa was indifferent and hadn't asked much about the company, probably he was trying to avoid the past.

"Your Great-grandpa thought that I wouldn't be an ideal successor due to my ruthlessness. Therefore, he focused on training your Dad himself. I was also aware that the mistakes that I made back then were irreparable, and I've been reflecting on them over the years. When it

comes to company matters, I do my best not to intervene unless there's no choice. Every time I get myself involved, I would remember that I had such an ugly past... In actual fact, I've always known that my history with Sam would one day be revealed. There's a saying 'karma is a bitch', who could fight against karma?"

Kyle had mixed feelings.

At that moment, he finally understood why Monica would treat the Seet family and Seet Group in such a way.

A loved one's passing and a company that went bankrupt... Maybe a grudge like this can't be resolved or forgotten easily with time.

"Kai, Grandpa is not afraid of dying. As long as Monica is able to let go of her grudge towards the Seet family, I'm willing to sacrifice my life in exchange!"

"Grandpa, sacrificing one's life for another might not be able to diffuse Monica's hatred. If tables were turned and Seet Group went through something like that, Seet family members would certainly not let things off the hook easily either."

What Kyle said was very objective. Even though it was unpleasant to hear, Jonathan agreed fully in his heart.

"You're right. Even if Grandpa dies, it's impossible to atone for my sins."

Kyle looked perplexed. Although Grandpa's intention back then was to protect the Seet Group, his action was certainly unforgivable.

It would be very difficult to resolve this grudge.

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"Grandpa, I'll handle Grandma, Maya and Nina's problem and think of a solution to save them. As for Marston family's resentment towards us, that might take some time to resolve."

"Sure, as long as innocent lives are not involved. Grandpa will find a way to bear the sins I've made in the past, in order for Grandma, Maya and Nina to be released safely.

Kyle remained in silence for a moment. Then, he turned and left the Seet Residence quietly.

The next day.

The news of partnership dissolution between Seet Group, Snyder Group, Jones Group, Campbell Group and Walker Group was spread widely. It was the talk of the town.

Many people did not understand why the Seet Group had made this move. By dissolving the partnership with The Four, it was like an eagle severing its own wings. This decision would severely affect its future development.

Some people even speculated that there must be an underlying reason for what had happened. Seet Group might have decided with the direction they'd like to progress forward and there's no need to partner up with The Four anymore.

"Ah, they can't just kick them away even if there's no need to partner up with them anymore. It's no wonder why people say that the president of Seet Group is relentless. I think he is absolutely ruthless and too aggressive."

While the clueless Evan was on vacation in Lisanthos, gossipers and netizens had been accusing him of being the mastermind behind this merciless act. Wonder what his reaction would be if he heard about that?

Then, some people even speculated, "What? Maybe there was an internal conflict or maybe The Four was the one who had a discussion and initiated the partnership dissolution with the Seet Group!"

"That could be the case. However, this might be damaging for the Seet Group no matter what the reason is."

"It certainly would. It had already caused damages once the news got released last night. Even the Seet Group shares have plummeted!"

"Ah, there's a saying, business is as fierce as war. Looks like something very exciting is about to happen in the business world of Y City!"

"Yes, let's wait and see. It'll be an exciting show!"

Words traveled like lightning to Monica. Her red lips curved with amusement. She had been waiting for this day to come. Seet Group was finally crumbling! "Dad, are you watching from heaven? Seet Group will fall just like how Marston Group had fallen in the past! Just wait and see how they'll get destroyed bit by bit!"

Next, she would have to speed up the process. With the hostages in her hands, she would make full use of it by blackmailing Davin to obtain her goal. The Seet Group would be destroyed.

"Ms. Monica, if Davin wants them back today, what should we say?"

Monica pondered, "I have my plans."

Soon after, her phone rang and the caller was indeed Davin.

She picked up the call.

"Monica, I've done what you've asked me to do. Seet Group is in a shambles now, can't you see that? When are you going to release my Mom, Nina and Maya?"

"Davin, I remember saying to you yesterday, I would cut off one of your mother's arm if you're unable to deliver. However, I didn't promise that I would let them go if you do deliver."

Davin was furious. That b*tch, I knew it wouldn't be so simple!

"What else do you want in order to let them go?"

"If you want me to release them, it's simple. I have three members of the Seet family with me. Let's say, you do according to what I want and I'll let one person go upon accomplishing one task. Once all three tasks are completed, they would eventually return to you."

Three tasks. As long as every task was able to shake the foundation of the Seet Group, then their downfall would just be around the corner.

In regards to Monica's pressing demands, Davin was also clear that her main objective was to destroy the Seet Group. Therefore, he did not come to an agreement. He attempted a bargain with her.

"Release them first. For one person you release, I'll complete one task. How does that sound?"

"Davin, it's best for you to be clear that their lives are in my hand. If you don't follow my orders, I can't guarantee they'll be able to return safely! Who knows... Your Mom might lose one of her legs. An eye or an ear for your beautiful nieces. Do you wish to see that happening?"

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"Monica! If you dare to hurt anyone of them, I will do twice the harm onto you!"

"Hm... Do you think a person like me will be afraid? You can get what you want now. I don't mind if you take my life in exchange for their lives!"

Kyle, who was standing on one side, signaled Davin to ask what did Monica want him to do.

After Davin asked her, Monica thought and replied, "It's very simple, let Seet Group bear a loss of fifty billion!"

Fifty billion?

Damn, what absurdity.

If Seet Group were to lose fifty billion, it would affect the turnover and the business would immediately be in a dangerous state.

Also, why would she want the Seet Group to lose fifty billion all of a sudden?

The request had him puzzled!

He calmed himself down. "Monica, why not I give you five hundred million and you release one person. How does that sound? Five hundred million is not a small amount!"

"Five hundred million?" Monica snickered. "How can you compare five hundred million to fifty billion? Do you think I'm an idiot!"

"Of course it can't be compared. However, this five hundred million will be all yours. If the company loses out on fifty billion, none will go to you. Which would benefit you more, nothing at all or five hundred million? Not only did you make a profit, it's like hitting the jackpot instead!"

"Stop trying to talk me out of it. I will not take a penny from the Seet Group. I only want to see it being destroyed utterly!" Monica sneered and her voice was full of hatred.

"Damn it, you are a really vicious woman. You are so vindictive!"

"I'm vindictive? Ha! I feel even more joy when a member of the Seet family says that!"

"You must have some mental illness..."

While Davin was about to continue bickering with her, he saw Kyle writing a few words on a piece of paper. "Agree to her."

Davin frowned. Such an excessive request and he had to commit to her? Was Kyle desperately wanting to save lives or did he already come up with a plan?

Davin hesitated for a while and chose to follow Kyle's suggestion. Upon agreeing, he hung up the phone immediately.

"Kai, how could you let me agree to such an excessive request? Fifty billion is not five hundred million. This is considerably a huge amount for Seet Group! This would also affect our normal turnover!"

"We can come up with a strategy before losing fifty billion!"

"What strategy?" Davin followed.

"If we lose tomorrow, we can earn it back the following day. It wouldn't affect the Seet Group too badly!"

"We will earn what we lost? Do you think it's that easy to earn fifty billion?"

"Yes, we will transfer the funds around. Move our eggs from one basket to another, then move them back eventually."

Davin's eyes brightened upon hearing that. That's right, there were many sub companies under the Seet Group. The headquarter could seemingly lose out by segregating funds to the sub companies. Once Monica had released the hostages, they could transfer back the funds. That would still looked like a loss!

Monica did not say that this wasn't allowed. It's considered a solution to a dire situation!

"Kyle, I think your solution might work!"

"Then have it arranged immediately!"

"However, I don't understand why aren't you finding ways to save them? We don't have to waste our time entertaining Monica if we could save the three of them immediately."

Kyle's face darkened, "It's because I want her to let go of her resentment!"

"What do you mean?"

"..." As Kyle revealed what Jonathan had done in the past, Davin was utterly shocked.

"Is what you're saying true? Your Grandpa had done something like that?"

He had always thought of his father as a calm and modest person. When it comes to family matters, Sophia was always the one in charge. The father that he knew was nothing like the vicious and relentless man that Kyle had described.

"If you don't believe me, go ahead and ask Grandpa. This was what he told me!"

That had shocked him to the core!

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Compare to the modest Dad I have in my memory, the difference is just too huge!

It really resonated with the saying, don't judge a book by its cover!

"Therefore, Monica was seeking revenge for her Dad and the Marston Group!"

"Indeed!"

Davin had a hard time believing that still. "Your Grandpa... How could your Grandpa do something like that? Even your Dad who was nicknamed the merciless "Lucifer", would set boundaries for himself. My Dad had no boundaries at all!" Such atrocity!

"Do you still think Monica is a crazy woman now?"

Davin sighed. "She's not crazy but I am going to be! How do we settle this matter? The grudge is so deep, Monica will not have it resolved easily."

"That's right. So, let her vent her anger! I have arranged for the Hidden Masters to protect Grandma, Nina and Maya. They'll be fine for now."

Ah...!

Davin's heart sank after learning about the family feud from many years ago. He found himself resonating with a wise quote. "There is absolutely no such thing as love or hatred without any reason or cause."

There was a reason for Monica to hate the Seet family so deeply.

"Alright. I'll do what Monica wants. I'll entertain her for a few days and let her vent as much as she wants. This is what the Seet family owes her. However, if she still holds a grudge

towards Seet Group after this and requests or behaves even more excessively, what shall we do then? We can't let her keep hurting the Seet family, right?"

Kyle squinted his eyes. This matter had to be dealt with meticulously.

"I'll think of a solution. Give me three days."

"Three days? Alright, Kyle. You'll think of a way on solving the family feud. As for her venting her anger, I'll take care of that. After three days, I won't entertain her anymore and it'll be your turn to solve the matter."

"Sure!" Kyle nodded firmly.

Davin looked at him suspiciously. With a grudge so deep, this certainly looked like a dead end. He was really curious about what kind of solutions Kyle could come up with.

On the other hand.

Evan had been staring at his phone. Few board members from the company had messaged him regarding the partnership dissolution with The Four. He was puzzled.

What the heck was Davin concocting?

Dissolving the contract with The Four all at once would be detrimental to the Seet Group. Had he gone mental? That was self-sabotaging at its best.

While Nicole was still asleep, he walked out of the room and phoned Davin.

"Evan, what's up?"

"Was it your idea to dissolve partnership with The Four?"

Davin was baffled, "... Yes, about this matter..."

"Are you dumb for doing such a thing! Are you aware of the consequences? I reckon you should really go for training in I Nation!"

Having to endure such scolding, Davin cried injustice from within.

"Evan, the dissolution is not real. We are just putting on a show."

Evan was confused, "Do you have nothing better to do? Why would you put on a show that benefits nobody?"

"No, not at all. I... It's not that I'm doing this for fun. I couldn't eat for these few days because of this! Evan, there's been a very complicated situation at home. Don't bother about it while you're on vacation, Kyle and I will solve it."

Evan raised an eyebrow. He recalled the previous phone call that he had where Kyle mentioned that he had some disagreements with Davin. He knew that things were convoluted at that time. It seemed like there was really something going on at home.

"Is this related to the disagreement you and Kyle had?"

"Me and Kyle... Evan, we weren't fighting at all. We're fighting a battle together."

"What battle? Get to the point."

Davin sighed deeply. It's alright to just tell Evan since he would find out sooner or later.

After having a moment of hesitation, he only revealed that Monica had sought revenge from the Seet Group. He purposely hid the fact that Nina, Maya and Sophia had been kidnapped.